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	Mohammed Hasan	2873	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-70 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-57 and 62-70 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 58 and 59 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 60 and 61 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 May 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1- 3, 58, and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C.102 (b) as being anticipated by Bailey et al (5,470,661).

Regarding claim 1, Bailey et al discloses (refer to figure 2) an optical comprising a dimondoid-containing material (2) (column 7, lines 60-67, column 8, lines 1-4, column 1, lines 57-59).

Regarding claim 2, Bailey et al discloses, wherein the dimondoid-containing material comprises at least one higher dimondoid (column 1, line 24).

Regarding claim 3, Bailey et al discloses, wherein the at least one higher dimondoid is a derivatized higher dimondoid (column 5, lines 3-6).

Regarding claim 58, Bailey et al discloses, wherein the optical device is selected from the group consisting of a lens (column 11, line 29).

Regarding claim 59, Bailey et al discloses, wherein the diamondoid-containing material is selected from the group consisting of a CVD- deposited film, a molecular crystal (column 4, lines 40-41).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 60 and 61 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art fails to show wherein the diamondoid-containing material comprises at least one diamondoid selected from the group consisting of adamantane, diamantane, and trimantane, and hetrodiamondoid derivatives thereof and at least one diamondoid selected from the group consisting of tetramantane, pentamantane, hexamantane, heptamantane, octamantane, nonamantane, decamantane, and undecamantane, and heterodiamondoid derivatives thereof.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 58, and 59 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The closest prior art as follows:

Kirkpatrick (5,082,359) discloses a diamond films and method of growing diamond films on nondiamond substrate.

Kitabatake et al (5,328,855) discloses a formation of semiconductor diamond.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammed Hasan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2331. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH, 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky L Mack can be reached on (571) 272- 2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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